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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN-N. KOREAN AIR AGREEMENT EXPLAINED

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1. THE UNCERTAINTY NOTED IN THE REF TELEGRAM CONCERNING CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THE SIGNING OF AN ETHIOPIAN-N. KOREAN AIR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RESOLVED BY A FURTHER PRESS REPORT. RATHER THAN AN "AIR AGREEMENT", BEING SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AS WAS REPORTED AND LATER DENIED BY THE LOCAL PRES, A "GENERAL SALES AGREEMENT" WAS SIGNED BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN AIR LINES AND THE NORTH KOREAN CIVIL AVIATION COMPANY "CHOSEN MINHANG." THE ETHIOPIAN HERALD ARTICLE EXPLAINING THE NEW AGREEMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE AGREEMENT DID NOT COVER FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS BUT SIMPLY ESTABLISHED THAT "CHOSEN MINHANG" WOULD SELL TICKETS FOR EAL FLIGHTS TO PASSENGERS ORIGINATING IN N. KOREA.

2. COMMENT: IN RESOLVING THE EARLIER CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER AN
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AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED, THE LOCAL PRESS HAS EMPHASIZED THAT

THE ACCORD IS NOT THE GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION TREATY WHICH
HAD BEEN IMPLIED IN THE EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF SUCH A SALES AGREEMENT IS MINIMAL AS THE MAJORITY OF THOSE
PASSENGERS FLYING BETWEEN N. KOREA AND ETHIOPIA HAVE FLOWN
EAL BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA AND PEKING WITH CONNECTING FLIGHTS TO
PYONGYANG. THIS PATTERN IS NOT EXPECTED TO CHANGE NOR WILL
THERE BE ANY EAL ROUTE TO N. KOREA IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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